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12th October, 2022 / 28320

Shri Mansukhbhai Mandaviya

Hon'ble Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers, Health and Family Welfare
Government of India
New Delhi.

Sub: Request to defer the Notification mandating obtaining of license MD42 till the process of registration is streamlined and allow the sale of Contact Lenses and its solution in the intervening period

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI).

The Optical devices including Contact Lenses and their solution has been included within the ambit of the New Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics Act, 2022. Accordingly, a notification has been issued recently mandating all medical device manufacturers and importers to register themselves and take license MD42, failing which they shall not be allowed to sell their products.

Sir, the licensing and compliance requirements under the Act require obtaining Form MD 41 for the license to be issued by the State Licensing Authority. However, Form MD 41 is not available on any website and therefore they are unable to comply and get themselves registered.

We therefore suggest that the registration process should be streamlined and simplified so as to make it possible for the Optical Industry and other small-scale traders/retailers to comply with the provisions. Also, we suggest that the Optical devices and Contact lenses, including cleaning solutions should be allowed to sell their products as per the earlier provisions till 31 December, 2022 so that the simplification can be made within such time.

We have also received a representation from our Member Association "Ahmedabad Optical Association" regarding these practical difficulties being faced by the optical devices manufacturers in the registration process, due to which the sales of these products have stopped entirely resulting in huge losses. The copy of representation is attached herewith for your kind reference.

We look forward to your favorable intervention in this matter to ensure that the Medical Devices industry does not have to suffer due to implementation issues.

With regards,

Sincerely,

Pathik Patwari
President.

Encl.: As above

Copy to: **The Director General of Health Services**, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.